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Plaintiff and Respondent,)

v.)

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Defendants and Appellants.)

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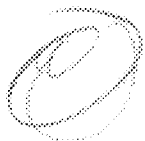


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TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE AND THE HONORABLE ASSOCIATE
 JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA:

Appellant and Defendant Alejandro Olguin respectfully petitions this Court for
 review of the unpublished decision of the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District,
 Division Two, affirming the judgment of the Superior Court of San Bernardino County.

STATEMENT OF ISSUE PRESENTED FOR REVIEW

1. WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT IMPOSED AN INVALID CONDITION OF PROBATION BY REQUIRING APPELLANT TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM HIS PROBATION OFFICER TO OWN PETS?

NECESSITY FOR REVIEW

This case presents an important issue of law within the meaning of California Rule of Court 28, subdivision (a)(1).

Appellant pled guilty to two counts of driving a vehicle under the influence of a controlled substance. He was placed on probation. Condition 8 of the terms and conditions of his probation required appellant to obtain permission from the probation officer before he could own a pet. Appellant objected to this condition of probation. The objection was overruled.

Under *People v. Lent* (1975) 15 Cal.3d 481, 486, a condition of probation is invalid if it: (1) has no relationship to the crime; (2) involves conduct that itself is not criminal, and (3) forbids conduct that is not reasonably related to future criminality. The Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, Division Two, concluded that condition 8 was valid. The Court reasoned that the presence of a pet could distract the probation officer while searching the defendant's residence and also pose a physical threat to him. (Appendix A at pp. 5-6.) Hence, the Court of Appeal believed that ownership of a pet was reasonably related to appellant's crime or future criminality. (Appendix A at p. 5.) The majority opinion was authored by Justice Hollenhorst and joined by Justice Richli. Justice King dissented from the portion of the majority opinion which upheld condition 8. He believed that condition 8 was invalid because: (1) ownership of a pet was not criminal; (2) it had no relationship to the crime to which appellant had pled guilty; and (3) it had no relationship to appellant's future criminality. (Appendix A at p. 1 [concurring and dissenting opn. of J. King].) Justice King also believed that the provision was overbroad because it should have been limited to

animals which posed a physical risk to the probation officer. (Id., at p. 2.[concurring and dissenting opn. of J. King].)

This Court should grant review to resolve this issue. The Fourth Appellate District, Division Two, had previously resolved this issue by striking down the requirement that a probationer obtain permission from his probation officer in order to own a pet. (*People v. Quintero* (2006) 143 Cal.App.4th 479, 49 Cal.Rptr.3d 315, depublished by order of Oct. 25, 2006.)¹ The majority opinion in *People v. Quintero* was authored by Justice Gaut and joined by Justice Miller. In *People v. Quintero*, Justice Richli dissented and concluded that the condition was valid. The validity of the condition that a probationer obtain permission from his probation officer before he or she can own a pet should not be determined by which justices of the Fourth Appellate District, Division Two, are sitting on the panel which decides the appeal. Hence, this Court should grant review.

¹ Appellant is aware of the rule regarding citation to unpublished authorities. Appellant is not citing *People v. Quintero* as binding precedent but simply to make this Court aware of the different approaches taken by the Fourth Appellate District, Division Two, to this issue.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE AND FACTS

By a felony complaint filed on August 9, 2005, appellant was charged with four violations of the Vehicle Code. Counts one and three alleged that appellant drove a vehicle under the influence of alcohol in violation of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (a). Counts two and four alleged that appellant drove a vehicle with his blood alcohol level in excess of .08 by weight in violation of Vehicle Code section 23152, subdivision (b). All four counts alleged that appellant had suffered four prior convictions within the meaning of Vehicle Code sections 23550 and 23550.5. (C.T. pp. 1-3.)

On September 29, 2005, appellant pled guilty to counts two and four in exchange for a maximum sentence of three years and eight months in state prison, the suspension of execution of the sentence, and a grant of probation. Appellant was required to serve 364 days in county jail as part of the grant of probation. (R.T. pp. 1-7; C.T. pp. 11-13.) The sentencing hearing occurred on October 31, 2005. (R.T. pp. 22-27.) Appellant was sentenced in accordance with the plea bargain. His defense counsel objected to conditions 8, 10, and 12 of the order for probation. The trial court overruled the objections. (R.T. pp. 23-24.) Appellant filed a notice of appeal on November 4, 2005, (C.T. p. 20.)

On October 15, 2006, the Court of Appeal affirmed the judgment of the Superior Court in an unpublished opinion. (Appendix A.) Appellant incorporates the statement of facts as set forth in the opinion of the Court of Appeal. (Appendix A at p. 2.)

I

REVIEW SHOULD BE GRANTED TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE TRIAL COURT IMPOSED AN INVALID CONDITION OF PROBATION BY REQUIRING APPELLANT TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FROM HIS PROBATION OFFICER TO OWN PETS

Appellant pled guilty to two counts of driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol. The dates of the offenses were July 30, 2004, and August 6, 2005. At the sentencing hearing, the defense counsel objected to conditions 8, 10, and 12 of the terms and conditions of probation. (R.T. p. 23.) Condition 8 required appellant to keep the probation officer informed of his place of residence and cohabitants, pets, and give written notice to the probation officer of any change of address. (C.T. p. 18.) The defense counsel objected to the requirement that appellant inform the probation officer if he acquired any pets. (R.T. p. 23.) The trial court overruled that objection. (*Ibid*; Probation Officer's Report at p. 2.)

The Legislature has placed in the sentencing court "broad discretion" to determine what conditions should be imposed in granting probation. (*People v. Lent* (1975) 15 Cal.3d 481, 486; *People v. Welch* (1993) 5 Cal.4th 228, 233; *People v. Tucker* (1995) 37 Cal.App.4th 1, 4.) This authority is derived from Penal Code section 1203 et. seq. (*People v. Lent, supra*, 15 Cal.3d at p. 486.) Penal Code section 1203.1 provides that in ordering probation, the court "may impose and require ... other reasonable conditions, as it may determine are fitting and proper to the end that justice may be done, that amends may be made to society for the breach of the law, ... and generally and specifically for the reformation and rehabilitation of the probationer...." Probation is an act of leniency, not a matter of right. (*People v. Wardlow* (1991) 227 Cal.App.3d 360, 365.) The court's

determination of such conditions will not be reversed on appeal unless the condition "(1) has no relationship to the crime of which the offender was convicted, (2) relates to conduct which is not in itself criminal, and (3) requires or forbids conduct which is not reasonably related to future criminality...." (*People v. Lent, supra*, 15 Cal.3d at p. 486; *People v. Balestra* (1999) 76 Cal.App.4th 57, 65, review denied.) All three factors must be present for a condition of probation to be invalidated. (*People v. Balestra* (1999) 76 Cal.App.4th 57, 65, fn. 3; *People v. Lent, supra*, 15 Cal.3d at p. 486, fn. 1.) Even conditions which regulate conduct not in itself criminal are valid as long as they are " 'reasonably related to the crime of which the defendant was convicted or to future criminality.' " (*People v. Carbajal* (1995) 10 Cal.4th 1114, 1121.)

The trial court's broad authority to impose conditions of probation is not, however, unlimited authority. "A probationer has the right to enjoy a significant degree of privacy, or liberty, under the Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment to the federal constitution. (*People v. Bauer* (1989) 211 Cal.App.3d 937, 940-941.) "The court's power to condition probation 'is not boundless' . . . Human liberty is involved." (*People v. Bauer, supra*, 211 Cal.App.3d at p. 940.) Probation conditions have been upheld even though they restrict a probationer's constitutional rights if they are narrowly drawn to serve the important public interest of safety and rehabilitation, (*In re Babak S.* (1993) 18 Cal.App.4th 1077, 1084), and are specifically tailored to the individual probationer. (*In re Babak S., supra*, 18 Cal.App.4th at p. 1084; *In re Pedro Q.* (1989) 209 Cal.App.3d 1368, 1373; *People v. Bauer, supra*, 211 Cal.App.3d at p. 942.) Hence, the appropriateness of conditions of probation must be assessed based on the particular facts of each case. (See *People v. Lindsay* (1992)

10 Cal.App.4th 1642, 1644.)

Appellant was convicted of two counts of driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol. All of appellant's prior convictions are for driving a vehicle under the influence of alcohol with the exception of the 1989 conviction for possession of a controlled substance. (Probation Officer's Report at p. 2.) Appellant's ownership of a pet has no reasonable relationship to the crimes of which he has been convicted. There is no evidence that appellant ever used a pet as a weapon or the ownership of a pet had some relationship to appellant's use of alcohol. Ownership of a pet is lawful. There was no reason to require appellant to report ownership of a pet to his probation officer as a condition of probation.

The Court of Appeal upheld the validity of condition 8. The majority opinion was authored by Justice Hollenhorst and joined by Justice Richli. The majority opinion upheld condition 8 because: (1) a pet may distract the probation officer while he conducts a search or prevent him from conducting a search; and (2) a pet may endanger the probation officer because of the unpredictable and vicious nature of some animals. (Appendix A at pp. 5-6.) The majority opinion also stressed that the burden on the probationer was minimal because he or she simply had to notify the probation officer 24 hours in advance of obtaining ownership of a pet and the probation officer could not irrationally withhold permission. (Appendix A at p. 6.)

Justice King dissented from the majority opinion. He concluded as follows:

To the extent that one accepts the argument that pet ownership is reasonably related to future criminality, the provision is overbroad. Here, there are a number of conditions of probation which relate to the prohibition of future criminal conduct. One such condition is term 3, which indicates that the probationer shall "violate no law." As the majority states, probation

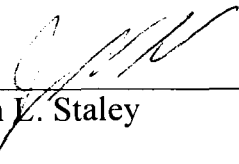
requires careful supervision by a probation officer. Thus, it is arguably within the contemplation of all, that a probation search may occur at defendant's premises. With this in mind, the terms and conditions of probation relative to the ownership of pets and notification of the existence of such pets should be limited to dog and/or pets which pose a risk of injury to individuals entering the premises. In that the condition is not so limited, it is overbroad.

(Appendix A at p. 1-2 [J. King concurring in part and dissenting in part].)

The Fourth Appellate District, Division Two, reached the opposite conclusion in a decision that it ordered depublished. In *People v. Quintero*, *supra*, 143 Cal.App.4th 479, 49 Cal.Rptr.2d 315, the Court in a 2-1 decision struck down the requirement that a probationer obtain permission from his probation officer before he acquired a pet. The majority opinion in *People v. Quintero* was authored by Justice Gaut and joined by Justice Miller. Justice Richli dissented. The defendant in *People v. Quintero* pled guilty to possession of methamphetamine. The majority opinion struck down the requirement because ownership of a pet had nothing to do with the crime to which the defendant had pled guilty, owning a pet was not a crime, and pet ownership had no relationship to future criminality. Justice Richli filed a dissenting opinion which adopted the reasoning of the majority opinion in this case.

The validity of a condition of probation which restricts pet ownership with vary in the Fourth Appellate District, Division Two, according to which justices are sitting on the panel that decides the case. It does not appear that the condition of probation which restricts pet ownership is being imposed in any other jurisdictions. This Court should grant review to determine the validity of the condition which requires a probationer to obtain permission from his probation officer to own a pet.

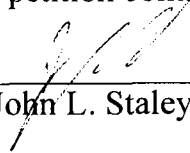
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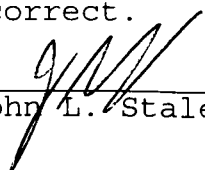
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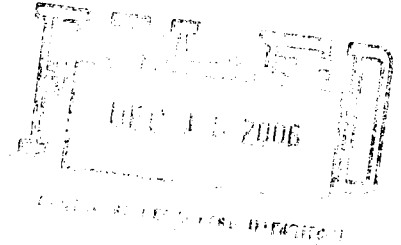
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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOURTH APPELLATE DISTRICT

DIVISION TWO



THE PEOPLE,

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Defendant and Appellant.

E039342

(Super.Ct.No. FSB051372)

OPINION

APPEAL from the Superior Court of San Bernardino County. Michael M. Dest,
Judge. Affirmed.

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Defendant Alejandro Olguin pled guilty to two counts of driving under the influence of alcohol (Veh. Code, § 23152, subd. (b)) and was sentenced to three years eight months in state prison. The sentence was suspended for a grant of probation. During the sentencing hearing, defendant objected to probation terms 8, 10, and 12, but was overruled. Defendant raises the same objections on appeal. As the trial court set legitimate probation terms in order to rehabilitate defendant and promote public safety, we affirm.

I. FACTS

On August 6, 2005, officers conducted an enforcement stop of defendant for making a nonemergency stop on the freeway. Officers noticed a strong smell of alcohol emanating from inside the vehicle, and observed an open can of beer near defendant. Officers also noted that defendant's eyes were bloodshot and watery, and that his speech was slow and slurred. Defendant admitted to drinking earlier in the day, and could not produce a driver's license, registration, or proof of insurance. Defendant failed the field sobriety test and was then arrested.

Defendant was charged with four counts: Counts 1 and 3 alleged violation of Vehicle Code¹ section 23152, subdivision (a), driving under the influence of alcohol, and counts 2 and 4² alleged violation of section 23152, subdivision (b), driving with a blood

¹ All future statutory references are to the Vehicle Code unless otherwise specified.

² Count 4 is based on an incident that occurred on July 30, 2004; however, the record contains no facts pertaining to that incident.

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alcohol level in excess of .08 percent by weight. All four counts alleged that defendant had suffered four prior convictions within the meaning of sections 23550 and 23550.5.

On September 29, 2005, defendant pled guilty to counts 2 and 4, and on October 31, 2005, defendant was sentenced to three years eight months in state prison. The execution of the sentence was suspended, however, and defendant was granted three years of supervised probation with one year in county jail. During sentencing, defendant requested the trial court to modify probation terms 8 and 12 by striking the terms “pets” and “controlled substances,” respectively, and to strike term 10 as having no relation to the offense.³ Defense counsel stated the terms were “unconstitutional and overbroad” or had “no nexus to [defendant’s] offense.” The trial court denied each request, and defendant appeals.⁴

II. STANDARD OF REVIEW

“[T]he trial court is presumed to have acted to achieve legitimate sentencing objectives, and its discretionary determination to impose a particular sentence will not be

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³ Probation term 8 reads, “Keep the probation officer informed of place of residence, cohabitants and pets, and give written notice to the probation officer twenty-four (24) hours prior to any changes.”

Term 10 reads, “Submit to a search and seizure of your person, residence and/or property under your control at any time of the day or night by any law-enforcement officer, with or without a search warrant, and with or without cause [(*People v. Bravo* (1987) 43 Cal.3d 600)].”

Term 12 reads, “Submit to a controlled substance test at direction of probation officer.”

⁴ The defendant preserved the issue for appeal by objecting to the probation terms during sentencing. (*People v. Welch* (1993) 5 Cal.4th 228, 232-233 (*Welch*)).

set aside on review” without a showing that the sentence was arbitrary or capricious. (*People v. Superior Court (Alvarez)* (1997) 14 Cal.4th 968, 977-978 (*Alvarez*.) The trial court also has broad discretion when determining whether probation is appropriate, and if so, has the discretion to impose terms necessary to promote justice, or to reform and rehabilitate a defendant. (Pen. Code, § 1203 et seq.; *People v. Lent* (1975) 15 Cal.3d 481, 486 (*Lent*); see *People v. Wardlow* (1991) 227 Cal.App.3d 360, 365 (*Wardlow*.) The defendant has the burden of proving that the trial court abused its discretion. (*Alvarez, supra*, 14 Cal.4th at pp. 977-978.)

III. DISCUSSION

Defendant argues that the trial court abused its discretion by failing to strike or modify probation terms 8, 10, and 12 in order to comport with the standards set forth in *Lent*, which we discuss below. (*Lent, supra*, 15 Cal.3d at p. 486.)

The goals of probation are that 1) justice be done, 2) amends be made to society, and 3) the probationer be rehabilitated and reformed. (Pen. Code, § 1203.1, subd. (j).) Any condition of probation “that restrict[s] constitutional rights must be carefully tailored and ‘reasonably related to the compelling state interest’ in reforming and rehabilitating the defendant. [Citations.]” (*People v. Jungers* (2005) 127 Cal.App.4th 698, 704.) If the defendant believes the conditions of probation are harsher than the potential sentence, he may refuse probation and choose to undergo the sentence. (*People v. Balestra* (1999) 76 Cal.App.4th 57, 68-69 (*Balestra*.)

In addition, a term of probation may be considered invalid if it 1) has no relationship to the crime, 2) involves conduct that itself is not criminal, and 3) forbids

conduct that is not reasonably related to future criminality. (*Lent, supra*, 15 Cal.3d at p. 486.) All three conditions must be present to invalidate a probation term. (*Balestra, supra*, 76 Cal.App.4th at p. 65, fn. 3.)

A. Probation Term 8 Is Reasonably Related to Future Criminality

Defendant claims that the requirement to report ownership of pets as required in probation term 8 should be stricken because it has no relationship to DUI charges, and owning a pet is not criminal and does not relate to future criminality.

Although ownership of a pet does not relate to DUI charges and is not criminal, a probation term that regulates conduct that is not itself criminal is still valid as long as it is reasonably related to defendant's crime or to future criminality. (*People v. Carbajal* (1995) 10 Cal.4th 1114, 1121.) Probation is geared toward preventing future criminality, which requires careful supervision by a probation officer. In *United States v. Knights* (2001) 534 U.S. 112, 120 (*Knights*), the Supreme Court stated that "probationers have even more of an incentive to conceal their criminal activities and quickly dispose of incriminating evidence than the ordinary criminal because probationers are aware that they may be subject to supervision and face revocation of probation" (Accord, *People v. Reyes* (1998) 19 Cal.4th 743, 753) [holding that probation search conditions prevent future criminal activities by probationers].)

A pet can enable defendant to conceal alcohol or drugs by either distracting or preventing a probation officer from entering or searching defendant's residence. Also, without prior knowledge of a pet, a probation officer may endanger his own life or the life of the pet by visiting defendant's residence unannounced. While certain pets are not

dangerous and would not inhibit the duties of a probation officer, to require a trial court to outline the type, nature, temperament, and treatment of a pet that would fall within the probation term is unreasonable and impractical. Many animals are unpredictable and may attack a stranger who attempts to enter a defendant's residence; thus, it is inadequate to limit the term only to dangerous or vicious animals.⁵

Further, a probation term should be given "the meaning that would appear to a reasonable, objective reader." (*People v. Bravo* (1987) 43 Cal.3d 600, 606-607.) Under probation term 8, defendant simply has to notify his probation officer of a pet 24 hours in advance. This does not prevent defendant from owning a pet or authorize a probation officer to irrationally or capriciously exclude a pet. (See *People v. Kwizera* (2000) 78 Cal.App.4th 1238, 1240-1241 [holding that a trial court empowering a probation department with the authority to supervise probation conditions does not conflict with the standards set in *Lent, supra*, 15 Cal.3d at p. 486, and does not authorize irrational directives by the probation officer].)

⁵ For example, reports by the Center for Disease Control state that, while certain breeds of dogs are responsible for more fatalities, all breeds of dogs can cause injury. In addition, the main factor affecting the behavior of a dog is the owner. Therefore, it would be more effective to target dog owners than specific breeds in order to promote public safety. (Sacks et. al., *Breeds of Dogs Involved in Fatal Human Attacks in the United States Between 1979 and 1998* (Sept. 2000), 217 J. Amer. Veterinary Medicine Assn. 817, 839-840; Center for Disease Control and Prevention, U. S. Dept. of Health and Human Services / Public Health Service, *Dog-Bite-Related Fatalities – United States, 1995-1996* (May 1997) 46 Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Rep. 463-467.) Following this line of reasoning, probation term 8 focuses on the probationer to keep the probation officer safe.

If there *is* any ambiguity about a probation term, “[o]ral advice at the time of sentencing . . . afford[s] defendants the opportunity to clarify any conditions they may not understand and intelligently to exercise the right to reject probation granted on conditions deemed too onerous.” (*Bravo, supra*, 43 Cal.3d at p. 610, fn. 7.) Here, defendant did not request clarification of term 8, even though he did feel free to question the trial court about a term that imposed a mandatory interlock device on any of his vehicles.

The interpretation of “pets” is a case of first impression, but should be analyzed using the same standards as that used to approve notification of “cohabitants,” which is also included in probation term 8. Notification of “cohabitants” is imposed in order to ascertain whether the probationer is associating with people who would negatively affect his rehabilitation. (See *People v. Lopez* (1998) 66 Cal.App.4th 615, 622-625 [holding that a condition forbidding contact with gang members was necessary to rehabilitation and future criminality].) For example, a defendant convicted of drug possession should not live with drug users or dealers. The purpose of notification about pets is similar: 1) assure proper rehabilitation of defendant, 2) protect the probation officer. We believe knowledge of pets is a prerequisite to the search condition, which makes sure that defendant is complying with his sentence and is not reoffending. (See *Bravo, supra*, 43 Cal.3d at p. 610 [holding that probation search conditions serve to promote rehabilitation and reduce recidivism while helping to protect the community from potential harm by probationers].) The implied power of the probation officer regarding both cohabitants and pets is also the same: notification of pets implies a probation officer’s authorization to exclude certain pets or direct the care of the pet (i.e. keeping them contained) in order

to allow searches. Again, this does not authorize capricious exclusions, but allows directives that further the rehabilitation of defendant.

Thus, probation term 8 is valid, as it protects the probation officer and allows him to oversee the defendant for future criminality.

B. Probation Term 10 Relates to Defendant's Crime and Future Criminality

Defendant contends that the waiver of his Fourth Amendment right to freedom from unreasonable search and seizure under probation term 10 is excessive, and therefore, the condition should be stricken or modified to limit searches to areas likely to contain alcohol.

The search term is related to defendant's crime and to future criminality, and concerns criminal conduct because defendant drives after drinking alcohol. Defendant has shown his proclivity numerous times to drive under the influence, and a search term for defendant's residence is necessary to combat recidivism. (*Knights, supra*, 534 U.S. at pp. 119-121.) Further, warrantless and suspicionless probation searches do not violate a defendant's Fourth Amendment rights, and are necessary to determine if defendant is complying with his sentence. (*Bravo, supra*, 43 Cal.3d at p.608; *Samson v. California* (Feb. 22, 2006, No. 04-9728) __U.S.__, [126 S.Ct. 2193, 2202, 2006 U.S. Lexis 4885] (*Samsun*), [holding that suspicionless searches do not violate a parolee's Fourth Amendment rights];⁶ see *Knights, supra*, at pp. 119-120.) Even if, as defendant argues, a

⁶ *Bravo* held that probationers have less of a right to privacy than parolees, and *Samson* held that parolees do not have a Fourth Amendment right of protection against suspicionless searches. (*Samson, supra*, 126 S.Ct. at p. 2205; *Bravo, supra*, 43 Cal.3d at [footnote continued on next page]

full waiver of defendant's Fourth Amendment rights is excessive, alcohol is an item that can be concealed anywhere. Thus, the search term would not be effective if it were limited.

Therefore, term 10 is valid.

C. Probation Term 12 Is Related to the Crime and Involves Criminal Conduct

Defendant states that he should not be subjected to drug testing as required in probation term 12 because he has not used drugs for 15 years and the testing requirement is excessive in relation to his crime. In support of this argument, defendant cites *People v. Kiddoo* (1990) 225 Cal.App.3d 922 (*Kiddoo*), disapproved on other grounds in *Welch, supra*, 5 Cal.4th at p. 236. The defendant in *Kiddoo* pled guilty to methamphetamine possession and was ordered to refrain from alcohol as a condition of probation. The appellate court held that the term was invalid because alcohol consumption was not related to defendant's crime, was not illegal, and did not reasonably relate to future criminality. (*Kiddoo, supra*, 225 Cal.App.3d at pp. 927-928.)

Here, drug testing applies to defendant because it involves conduct that is criminal. Moreover, defendant had a prior conviction for violating Health and Safety Code section 11378 (possession for sale). Drug use is also reasonably related to future criminality, as highlighted by the empirical evidence establishing a nexus between alcohol and drug use: "It is well documented that the use of alcohol lessens self-control

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pp. 607-608.) Therefore, if a suspicionless search does not violate a parolee's Fourth Amendment rights, then, a fortiori, a suspicionless search does not violate a probationer's Fourth Amendment rights. (*Samson, supra*, 126 S.Ct. at pp. 2204-2205.)

and thus may create a situation where the user has reduced ability to stay away from drugs. [Citations]” (*People v. Beal* (1997) 60 Cal.App.4th 84, 87.)

Therefore, drug testing is reasonably required for defendant’s rehabilitation.

IV. CONCLUSION

Defendant’s challenges to probation terms 8, 10, and 12 have no merit, and the trial court did not abuse its discretion in overruling defendant’s objections to those terms.

V. DISPCISION

The judgment is affirmed.

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Acting P. J.

I concur:

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J.

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KING, J., Concurring and dissenting.

I concur with the majority, save and except as it relates to probation term 8. I would strike the requirement that defendant be required to notify a probation officer with 24-hour written notice relative to defendant informing a probation officer of pets.

While the court maintains broad discretion to impose conditions of probation, the discretion “nevertheless is not without limits As with any exercise of discretion, the sentencing court violates this standard when its determination is arbitrary or capricious or ““exceeds the bounds of reason, all of the circumstances being considered.””

[Citations.]” (*People v. Carbajal* (1995) 10 Cal.4th 1114, 1120-1121.)

In *People v. Lent* (1975) 15 Cal.3d 481, the California Supreme Court stated, “A condition of probation will not be invalid unless it ‘(1) has no relationship to the crime of which the offender was convicted, (2) relates to conduct which is not in itself criminal and (3) requires or forbids conduct which is not reasonably related to future criminality’” (*Id.* at p. 486.) For a condition of probation to be invalid, it must satisfy all three of the above requirements. Clearly, the ownership of pets is not criminal. Nor does it have a relationship to driving under the influence of alcohol or driving with a blood alcohol level in excess of .08 percent by weight. Lastly, the ownership of a pet is not reasonably related to future criminality. There is nothing to warrant an expectation that defendant, who pled guilty to felony driving under the influence, would commit a future crime involving the ownership of or access to an animal. Thus, I would remand for the purpose of striking the pet portion of term 8.

To the extent that one accepts the argument that pet ownership is reasonably related to future criminality, the provision is overbroad. Here, there are a number of conditions of probation which relate to the prohibition of future criminal conduct. One such condition is term 3 which indicates that the probationer shall "violate no law." As the majority states, probation requires careful supervision by a probation officer. Thus, it is arguably within the contemplation of all, that a probation search may occur at defendant's premises. With this in mind, the term and condition of probation relative to the ownership of pets and the notification of the existence of such pets should be limited to dogs and/or pets which pose a risk of injury to individuals entering the premises. In that the condition is not so limited, it is overbroad.

/s/ King

J.